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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MOWER, the specification of which was filed as International Application Serial No. PCT/US97/01853 on February 7, 1997, and I am executing this declaration as, and seeking a U.S. Patent as, the inventor of the invention described in the identified international application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of the previously filed copending provisional application Serial No. 60/011,450 filed February 9, 1996.

I hereby appoint both jointly and severally, as my attorneys and/or agent(s) with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith the following attorneys and/or agent(s):

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